



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

Happy Lunar New Year Everyone!

It has certainly been a cold and snowy winter this year. Despite what might be happening outside, we are warm and hard at work inside our school. Many of our classes are getting excited about the upcoming Olympic Games in Sochi. In fact, some of our classes were invited to take part in a very special Olympic Games Day at the Jean Augustine Girls Leadership Academy. We had a great time there and learned a lot about our Canadian Athletes, Go Canada Go!!

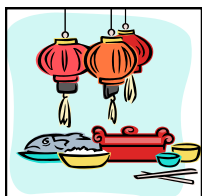
As I walk through our classrooms, it is wonderful to see our students engaged in their learning and working on various projects. We have completed our Social Justice Art Work with Sandra Phillips and thank her for her time and commitment to our students learning and understanding around child poverty. We are pleased to be able to display around our school the wonderful pieces of artwork that each class created. Our junior students continue to work on their speeches for our In-School Speech Arts Competition which will take place on March 5th.

Many of you may know that February 10th marks the 100th day of school and our kindergarten students are very excited about the different activities planned for the day. This is a "big" number and our youngest learners will be doing many things such as: drawing a picture of how they will look when they are 100; building structures using 100 Dixie cups.

On February 11th, our term 1 report cards will be sent home with all grade 1 to 6 students and the Junior Kindergarten Summary. Interviews will be arranged as needed for this reporting period and have been scheduled for the evening of February 13th. We hope to see some of you during this time as it is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and plan for continued success.

Hope to see some of you during our parent-teacher interviews.

Mrs. Anna Epitropou



Upcoming Dates

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| Feb. 7 | Grade 6 - Grad Photo Day |
| Feb. 11 | Term 1 Report Cards & JK Summary Reports go home |
| Feb. 13 | Evening Parent-Teacher Interviews |
| Feb. 14 | Valentine's Day - Pink and Red Day |
| Feb. 17 | Family Day - NO SCHOOL |
| Feb. 19 | Kindergarten Registration |
| Feb. 20 | Ward 20 Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm at Terraview-Willowfield PS |
| Feb. 21 | "Move-a-Thon" - School fundraiser |
| Feb. 24 | Vision and Hearing Testing |
| Feb. 28 | Legoland Trip for Grade 1 and Grade 1/2 Classes |
| March 3 | School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Library |
| March 5 | In-School Speech Arts Competition |
| March 6 | Lice Check |
| March 7 | PA Day - NO SCHOOL |
| March 10-14 | MARCH BREAK |

SPRING FAIR

Save the Date: Saturday, June 14, 2014

Where: Timberbank Playground/Field

Time: 11am to 3pm

Last year, our school council, staff, students and parents had our second Spring Fair which was very successful. Jumpy Castles, the Leafs Nation Truck, Dunk Tank, Face Painting, Henna, Soccer Skills and many different vendors and performances by our Folkdancers were just a few of the great things that were happening.

The plans are on the way for our 3rd Annual Spring Fair.



Movie Night

We would like to thank all of you who continue to support our Movie Nights. In January, we had our second movie night and raised over \$460. Thanks to all the parents who helped supervise our students and to Mr. Petkovski for donating the treats and refreshments.



Our next Movie Night is scheduled for Thursday, March 20th after school from 3:30 pm to 5:15pm. Order forms are going home Monday, March 3rd.



Girls' Leadership Academy Parent Information Night

The Girls' Leadership Academy at Highland Heights Junior Public School is now accepting applications for students who will be in grades 4-8 in September 2014. If interested, please contact the school at 416-396-6335. The Girls' Leadership Academy Parent Information Night is on February 11, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

SCHOOL COUNCIL'S CORNER

Parents, Guardians and Caregivers: Watch this space every month to find out what is new from your school council and learn about ways that you can get involved.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY OF THE MONTH – “Movie Night”

The school council helps host those great movie nights that your kids enjoy after school. The next movie night will be **March 20th from 3:15pm to 5:30pm**. We are looking for a few other adults to help supervise and make sure the events are a great experience for your children. Are you available to help? No experience necessary!!!!

Email us at timberbank.publicschool@yahoo.ca, talk to one of the school council members or call the school.

Results from our last “QUESTION OF THE MONTH”

The school council will apply for an Outreach Grant to enable our school to host an event for parents and/or students. The winning theme based on your votes is: **“Family Games Night”**. This will be combined with a **“Healthy Eating”** theme which placed a close second. Thank you for your input.

Why Did I Get Involved in School Council?

“I joined the School Council to learn about how my son's school is run and to be involved with his education. I also hope to get to know more people in my community. It would be too easy to be hands-off about what my kids are doing at school. Attending parent council meetings keeps me in the loop.” **Tilley Creary, Parent & School Council Secretary.**

GET INVOLVED! Next School Council Meeting:
Join us on Monday March 3rd at 6:30pm in the Library.



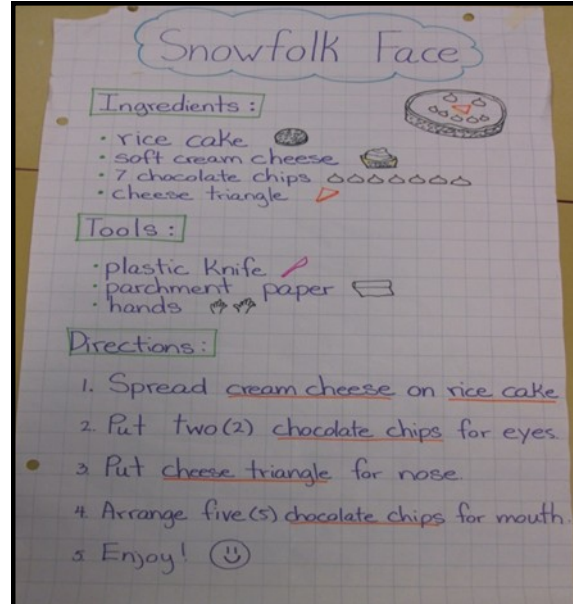


Kinder Chefs News



We decided to bring our snowmen inside since it's been too cold for us to enjoy winter weather in January. We learned how use a plastic knife to spread the cream cheese, cut a cheese triangle, and count 2 chocolate chips for the eyes and 5 chocolate chips for a great big smile.

Here are some pictures of our Kinder Chefs at work! Maybe you can try it too!



Reminders:

- Cars dropping off students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for **NO Stopping**. Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank. Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do NOT block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be **SAFE!!!** We need everyone's help with this!
- Hats, water and appropriate footwear are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes. With the cold weather arriving, it is very important that you dress for the weather!!
- When reporting your child's absence, if they have been diagnosed with a communicable (contagious) illness, it is VERY important that we are notified in the office (e.g. Chickenpox).



Staying "On T.R.A.C.K."

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay "ON TRACK". This recognition program raises awareness of each student's contribution to personal and social responsibility. Our staff and students focus on character development, highlighting the positive contributions and actions of all members of the Timberbank School Community. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured. On January 30th, the following students were recognized for their "Attitude and Achievement":

Ms Lo's class: Derek, Lilah, Haarini, Olivia and Zack

Mrs. Jeung's class: Anson, Carolina, Rabiya and Suruthiga

Ms Sookraj's class: Isaac, Olivia and Yancey

Ms Mourad's class: Emily, Kevin and Lucas

Ms Namasivayam's class: Georgia, Shashin and Tyler

Ms Boulos's class: Enya, Marcus and Thanusi

Mr. Rands's class: Arjun, Lily and Vivian

Ms Cheng/Mr. Mirshahi's class: Asvitha and Fahad

Ms Persaud's class: Abisha, Anny, Kajan, Vithursan and Zhen Yan

Mrs. Corrieri's class: Dolly, Jasiah, Kethan, Nandita and Tian Bai

Mr. O'Connor's class: Aniruth, Brenda, Cindia, Jia Liang and Varshini



The "On TRACK" students had lunch with Mrs. Epitropou and we talked about what we love about Timberbank. This is what they said:

"we're a Gold EcoSchool"; "we make friends easily"; "we don't hurt each other"; "we don't hurt people's feelings"

"we have a fundraiser, the Move-a-thon"; "we have a positive attitude towards learning and achieving"; "we don't make fun of people's names"

"we celebrate "ON TRACK" behaviour"; "we have great sports teams"; and "we respect each other".

Did you know that February 4th was Winter Walk Day across Canada?

Don't hibernate, participate!

We always like to encourage our students and staff to walk to and from school every Wednesday as part of our EcoSchools initiative: WALKING WEDNESDAYS. On February 5th, 2014, even with all the snow, students committed to walking to school as part of Winter Walk Day across Canada. Congratulations to those students!!

Walking to and from school will not only help students and staff meet the recommended daily amount of physical activity, but it also helps to improve community safety, promote social interaction, reduce traffic congestion, and protect the environment.

So don't forget to walk to school EVERY Wednesday!

A message from our EcoTeam



Girls Volleyball Team

Thanks to Mr. O'Connor and Ms Mourad who coached this year's Girls Volleyball Team. The girls had a great season with 2 wins and 2 losses, but more importantly they had fun playing and being a part of a team.

Way to Go Girls! Team members: Alexandra, Betty, Cindia, Grace, Heidi, Nandita, Seraiya and Tian Bai



Young Women on the Move - Girls Club

In Girls Club, we talked about bullying, self-esteem and friendship. We talked about the different types of bullying and what to do if you are being bullied or witnessed someone being bullied.

We enjoy Girls Club because it helps us become stronger and more confident. We also like playing games together and spending time with each other.

We are planning to do a fundraiser so that we can bring in someone to teach us self-defense techniques and yoga! We are really excited!!

By: Christina, Kadija, Jolie, Hajra, Helen, Nicole, Shevani, Mathangy, Karina and Bhavika

Thanks to Ms Boulous, Ms Mourad and Ms Namasivayam for working with our Girls Club!

2014 TDSB Healthy School 5K Run/Walk

Mark the Date: Saturday, May 24th 2014

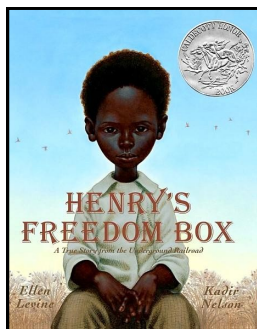
Where: Downsview Park

More Details to follow...



February is African Heritage Month

To "kick-off" African Heritage Month we had a storyteller from Arts Express come to present to all of our classes on Monday, February 3, 2014. Our students heard the story, Henry's Freedom Box and learned about how Henry Brown escaped slavery through the Underground Railway. What a wonderful way to begin our studies on the many ways in which Black Canadians and people of African descent have contributed to our country and world!



AGILITY CHALLENGE

On Wednesday, January 29th, all of our students had the opportunity to participate in an indoor active day which is called the "Agility Challenge". Milt Ottey from OT Fitness and his crew prepared a very energetic activity day that required students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 to tackle different agility challenges such as balancing and hurdles. A big thanks to all of our student leaders Bo, Ashwin, Sagiran, Caralina, Niveethan, Alexandra, Andrew, Heidi, Helen and Jim who helped run the activities that day: Here's a look at the day...



Happy Lunar New Year! It's the Year of the Horse!!



Olympics Day @ the Jean Augustine Girls Leadership Academy

On Thursday, February 6, 2014 our classes were invited to take part in a special Games Day that focused on the upcoming Olympics. We want to thank the Ms Lai, her staff and especially the girls from the Leadership Academy who had prepared a fun-filled, fact-filled and active day for our Timberbank students in order to excite us about the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi. Our students really enjoyed the day and could not stop talking about the fun that they had, especially on the scooter boards. Go Canada Go!!

